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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15-20, and 25-27 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 4, 9, 13-14, and 21 have been amended. Claims 28-36 have been added. As such, Claims 4-9, 13-14, 21-24, and 28-36 are now pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants thank the Examiner for correcting typographical errors in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 30, 2004 and for citing these references on form PTO 892.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15-20, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Reusens et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0054610). Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15-20, and 25-27 have been canceled herein thereby rendering their rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-3, 10-12, 15-20, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claims 9 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reusens et al. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from amended, independent Claim 4, which as discussed below is allowable. Therefore, Claim 9 which now depends therefrom is likewise allowable. Claim 17 has been canceled. Therefore,

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Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 9 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that Claims 4-8, 13, and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been amended to include all of the features found in, now canceled, Claims 1-3. Claim 13 has been similarly amended to include the features found in, now canceled, Claims 10-12. Claim 21 has been similarly amended to include all of the features found in, now canceled, Claims 18-20. New Claim 29 includes all of the features in, now canceled, Claim 15 as well as the features found in amended Claim 13. New Claim 31 includes all of the features in, now canceled, Claim 25 as well as the features found in amended Claim 4.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 4 and Claims 5-9 dependent therefrom, Claim 13 and Claim 14 dependent therefrom, Claim 21 and Claims 22-24 and 28 dependent therefrom, and Claim 29 and Claim 30 dependent therefrom, Claim 31 and Claims 32-36 dependent therefrom are now all allowable. Therefore, it is requested that the objections to Claims 4-8, 13, and 21-24 be withdrawn.

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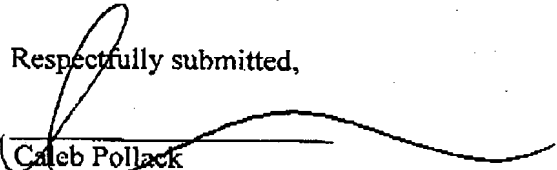
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However if any such fees are due, please change any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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